

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article in response to a request given from a requester, comprising:

5 a storage unit storing an identifying information for identifying the transaction target article and quality information for indicating a quality of the transaction target article;

10 a receiving unit receiving the identifying information of the transaction target article of which a price should be set by the requester, and a quality evaluating information for evaluating a quality of the transaction target article;

15 a reading unit reading the quality information coincident with the received identifying information and quality evaluating information; and

a transmitting unit transmitting the read-out quality information to the requester.

20 2. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transaction achievement information storage unit storing a transaction achievement information containing information on a transaction price of a transaction actually conducted with respect to the transaction article; and

25 a statistic value calculating unit calculating, when said reading unit reads from said transaction achievement information storage unit at least one item of transaction achievement

information coincident with the inputted identifying information and the read-out quality information, a statistic value of the transaction price contained in at least one item of transaction achievement information that has been read out,

5            wherein said transmitting unit transmits the calculated statistic value of the transaction price to the requester.

3. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 2, further comprising:

10            a necessary time related information storage unit storing an information relating to a necessary time for the transaction actually conducted with respect to the transaction target article,

15            wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value of the necessary time on the basis of a single item or plural items of transaction achievement information read out from said transaction achievement information storage unit, and

20            said transmitting unit transmits, to the requester, the statistic value of the necessary time together with the statistic value of the transaction price.

4. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 3, further comprising

25            an extraction unit for extracting, when said receiving unit receives a desired transaction price of the transaction target article of which the price should be set together with

the identifying information and the quality evaluating information, an item of transaction achievement information relating to the transaction conducted in a price range inclusive of the desired transaction price out of the read-out items of transaction achievement information,

wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value of the necessary time on the basis of the transaction achievement information extracted by said extraction unit, and

said transmitting unit transmits the statistic value of the necessary time based on the extracted item of transaction achievement information to the requester.

5. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 3, wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value of the transaction price and a statistic value of the necessary time in each of the plurality of price ranges set for the transaction target article of which the price should be set, and

said transmitting unit transmits, to the requester, the calculated results of the calculations of the transaction prices and the necessary time corresponding to each of the price ranges.

6. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 3, wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value of the transaction price and a statistic value of the necessary time in each of

a plurality of advertising periods set for the transaction target article of which the price should be set, and

5 said transmitting unit transmits, to the requester, the calculated results of the calculations of the transaction prices and the necessary time corresponding to each of the advertising periods.

10 7. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 2, wherein the quality evaluating information is a using period of the transaction target article of which the price should be set, and

the quality information is a using condition set with the using period being divided.

15 8. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 7, wherein if the using period exceeds a predetermined limit, said statistic value calculating unit executes no process.

20 9. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 1, wherein the quality evaluating information is an answer to a question about an assessment item with respect to the transaction target article of which the price should be set, and

25 the quality information is an assessment rank corresponding to an assessment score incremented or decremented corresponding to the answer to the question.

10. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 1, wherein the transaction target article is a component of a vehicle.

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11. A support system for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 7, further comprising a maintenance information storage unit stored with a specifying information of a vehicle and an information for indicating a time when an exchange work or a cleaning work of the vehicle component is done,

wherein when said receiving unit receives the specifying information of the vehicle in place of the using period as the quality evaluating information together with the identifying information of the component as a target of the exchange work or the cleaning work as the identifying information of the transaction target component of which the price should be set, a period from the time of carrying out the exchange work or the cleaning work up to the present time, is set as the using period.

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12. A support method for setting a price of a transaction target article in response to a request given from a requester, comprising:

storing an identifying information for identifying the transaction target article and quality information for indicating a quality of the transaction target article;

receiving the identifying information of the transaction

target article of which a price should be set by the requester,  
and a quality evaluating information for evaluating a quality  
of the transaction target article;

5 reading out the quality information coincident with the  
received identifying information and quality evaluating  
information; and

transmitting the read-out quality information to the  
requester.

10 13. A support method for setting a price of a transaction  
target article according to claim 12, further comprising:

storing a transaction achievement information containing  
information on a transaction price of a transaction actually  
conducted with respect to the transaction article;

15 calculating, when at least one item of transaction  
achievement information coincident with the inputted  
identifying information and the read-out quality information  
are read out, a statistic value of the transaction price contained  
in at least one item of transaction achievement information that  
20 has been read out; and

transmitting the calculated statistic value of the  
transaction price to the requester.

25 14. A support method for setting a price of a transaction  
target article according to claim 13, further comprising:

storing an information relating to a necessary time for  
the transaction actually conducted with respect to the

transaction target article;

calculating a statistic value of the necessary time on the basis of a single item or plural items of transaction achievement information read out; and

5 transmitting, to the requester, the statistic value of the necessary time together with the statistic value of the transaction price.

10 15. A support method for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 14, further comprising:

extracting, when a desired transaction price of the transaction target article of which the price should be set together with the identifying information and the quality evaluating information are received, an item of transaction achievement information relating to the transaction conducted in a price range inclusive of the desired transaction price out of the read-out items of transaction achievement information;

15 calculating a statistic value of the necessary time on the basis of the transaction achievement information extracted; and

20 transmitting the statistic value of the necessary time based on the extracted item of transaction achievement information to the requester.

25 16. A support method for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 14, further comprising:

calculating a statistic value of the transaction price

and a statistic value of the necessary time in each of the plurality  
of price ranges set for the transaction target article of which  
the price should be set; and

transmitting, to the requester, the calculated results  
5 of the calculations of the transaction prices and the necessary  
time corresponding to each of the price ranges.

17. A support method for setting a price of a transaction  
target article according to claim 14, further comprising:

10 calculating a statistic value of the transaction price  
and a statistic value of the necessary time in each of a plurality  
of advertising periods set for the transaction target article  
of which the price should be set; and

transmitting, to the requester, the calculated results  
15 of the calculations of the transaction prices and the necessary  
time corresponding to each of the advertising periods.

18. A support method for setting a price of a transaction  
target article according to claim 13, wherein the quality  
20 evaluating information is a using period of the transaction  
target article of which the price should be set, and

the quality information is a using condition set with the  
using period being divided.

25 19. A support method for setting a price of a transaction  
target article according to claim 18, wherein if the using period  
exceeds a predetermined limit, said statistic value calculating



unit executes no process.

20. A support method for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 12, wherein the quality  
5 evaluating information is an answer to a question about an assessment item with respect to the transaction target article of which the price should be set, and

the quality information is an assessment rank  
corresponding to an assessment score incremented or decremented  
10 corresponding to the answer to the question.

21. A support method for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 1, wherein the transaction  
target article is a component of a vehicle.

22. A support method for setting a price of a transaction target article according to claim 18, further comprising storing  
with a specifying information of a vehicle and an information  
for indicating a time when an exchange work or a cleaning work  
20 of the vehicle component is done, and

when the specifying information of the vehicle in place of the using period as the quality evaluating information together with the identifying information of the component as  
a target of the exchange work or the cleaning work as the  
25 identifying information of the transaction target component of which the price should be set are received, a period from the time of carrying out the exchange work or the cleaning work up

to the present time, is set as the using period.